GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF BLOOD SERUM
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Blood Serum is being exported to other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of companies who have been permitted;

(c) whether Blood Serum is exported for research purpose; and

(d) if so, the steps Government have taken to ensure that the benefits of research done on our specimens is not lost out?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Export of Blood Sera is permitted for diagnosis, research and for use in diagnostic kits against licence issued by Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).M/s Fairdeal Diagnostic Co., Surat and M/s Span Diagnostics Limited, Surat have been exporting HIV, HBs Ag, HCV positive sera and Blood Grouping Testing Sera.

(c)&(d): Ministry of Health, Government of India has prepared guidelinesfor transfer of biological material for research purposes. The biological material that is permitted to be exported is for the purposes of research, diagnosis or quality control. These permissions are given after considering issues like type of research, purpose of transfer, confidentiality, intellectual property rights, filing of patents, arrangements for further commercial exploitation, safety, disadvantages to the population, user information and any other matter relevant to that particular exchange of material.